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SUBJ: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON STATE GOVERNMENT

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1. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO NOMINATE NICOLAE BEURAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CLUJ JUDET (COUNTY) PEOPLE'S COUNCIL TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT MILTI-REGIONAL PROJECT. BEURAN'S CANDIDACY HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO US BY PEOPLE'S COUNCIL OFFICIALS FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE EMBASSY LIAISON WITH THEM ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE MET BEURAN DURING RECENT CLUJ VISITS AND HE HAS IMPRESSED US. AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF ONE OF THE LARGEST (APP. POPULATION 683,000), MOST DEVELOPED, AND HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT OF THE 39 COUNTIES IN ROMANIA, HE SEEMS TO MEET ALL OF THE QUALIFICATIONS LISTED REFTEL B INCLUDING REPORTED ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCE. (AUTHORITIES IN BUCHAREST ASCRIBED DELAY

IN SUBMITTING NOMINATION TO EFFORTS TO LOCATE CANDIDATE WITH SUFFICIENT

ENGLISH ABILITY). AN ARCHITECT BY PROFESSION, BEURAN HAS BEEN INVOLVED

WITH COUNTY-LEVEL GOVERNMENT SINCE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS OF 1968 WHICH

ESTABLISHED PRESENT SYSTEM. HE IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND URBAN PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN CLUJ AND IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BUREAU OF ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY.

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3. IN LIGHT OF FEBRUARY 1 DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS, EMBASSY IS SUBMITTING INFORMATION WE HAVE TO DATE TO INDICATE TO DEPARTMENT OUR DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS REGIONAL PROJECT. PEOPLE'S COUNCIL HAS PROMISED ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SHORTLY AND WE WILL FORWARD IT TO DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY OFFICER TRAVELING TO CLUJ FEBRUARY 3 WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW BEURAN TO ESTABLISH ENGLISH ABILITY, TO BRIEF HIM ON NATURE OF PROGRAM, AND TO DETERMINE HIS PERSONAL PREFERENCES FOR PROGRAMMING.

4. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECOGNIZE, BEURAN NOMINATION REPRESENTS IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGH FOR BOTH POST IV PROGRAMMING AND FOR EMBASSY CONTACTS IN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY. AT THE SAME TIME,

A SUCCESSFUL BEURAN PROGRAM COULD HAVE POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN ARTICLE V, SECTION I, CURRENT PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS.
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